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EMERGENCY RESTORATION ACTIONS - COLBY FIRE (ITEM 47-A, AGENDA OF JANUARY 21, 2014)

On January 21, 2014, the Board ratified the proclamation of existence of a local emergency made on January 16, 2014, for the fire beginning in Los Angeles County (County) on January 16, 2014, and instructed the Chief Executive Officer to provide status reports while the emergency restoration actions are underway. This report updates the activities that have taken place since June 23, 2014.

JUNE 23, 2014 THROUGH JULY 25, 2014 - The Recovery Section of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services has finalized their assessment of the County's request for assistance in eligible fire fighting, law enforcement, and mental health related costs through the Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) program. The Recovery Section has informed the County that as of July 25, 2014, the individual cost threshold for the Colby Fire has not been met. At this time, the County is approximately \$556,344 short of the \$2,589,150 FMAG cost threshold to qualify for reimbursement. The Recovery Section has advised there may be a possibility of processing claims received after the cutoff date of July 22, 2014, if the agencies can demonstrate that the late submittal was due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control or unusual project requirements. To date, no agencies affected by the Colby Fire have submitted any requests for an extension. Therefore, the Recovery Section is in the process of completing an application to formally withdraw the State's request for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) FMAG program. The

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Recovery Section informed the County that they would be sending a formal notice in mid-August to the Chief Executive Office's County Disaster Administrative Team notifying them that the State has withdrawn its request from FEMA for the Colby Fire FMAG funding assistance.

We will continue to provide updates of our recovery actions as our efforts progress. Should you have any questions of the information provided, you may contact Ronald Wade, Office of Emergency Management, at (323) 980-2270.

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